

**DEFENDING AMERICA'S MOST VULNERABLE: SAFE ACCESS TO TREATMENT AND CHILD PROTECTION ACT OF 2004**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 4547, *Defending America's Most Vulnerable: Safe Access to Drug Treatment and Child Protection Act of 2004*. Testimony was heard from Catherine M. O'Neil, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Robert J. Cramer, Special Investigator, GAO; Tyrone V. Patterson, Manager, Model Treatment Center, Department of Health, District of Columbia; and a public witness.

**COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4754, making appropriation for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf and Serrano.

***Joint Meetings*****UZBEKISTAN**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* On Thursday, June 24, Commission concluded a hearing to examine democratization and human rights in Uzbekistan in light of the impending decision by the Department of State whether to certify Uzbekistan to continue receiving assistance from the United States, after receiving testimony from Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, and Lynn Pascoe, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Europe and Eurasia, both of the Department of State; H.E. Abdulaziz Komilov, Republic of Uzbekistan Ambassador to the United States; Fred Starr, Johns Hop-

kins University Paul H. Nitze School of International Studies (SAIS) Caucasus-Central Asia Institute, and Martha Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.; Abdurahim Polat, Birlik Party, Springfield, Virginia; and Veronika Leila Szenté Goldston, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D686)

H.R. 1822, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3751 West 6th Street in Los Angeles, California, as the "Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-239)

H.R. 2130, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 121 Kinderkamack Road in River Edge, New Jersey, as the "New Bridge Landing Post Office". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-240)

H.R. 2438, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Pine Street in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as the "Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. Post Office Building". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-241)

H.R. 3029, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 255 North Main Street in Jonesboro, Georgia, as the "S. Truett Cathy Post Office Building". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-242)

H.R. 3059, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 304 West Michigan Street in Stuttgart, Arkansas, as the "Lloyd L. Burke Post Office". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-243)

H.R. 3068, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2055 Siesta Drive in Sarasota, Florida, as the "Brigadier General (AUS-Ret.) John H. McLain Post Office". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-244)

H.R. 3234, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Chestnut Street in Liberty, New York, as the "Ben R. Gerow Post Office Building". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-245)

H.R. 3300, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15500 Pearl Road in Strongsville, Ohio, as the "Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr. Post Office Building". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-246)

H.R. 3353, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 Main Street in Tarboro, North Carolina, as the "George Henry White Post Office Building". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-247)

H.R. 3536, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 Main Street in Malden, Illinois, as the "Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Malden Post Office". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-248)

H.R. 3537, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 185 State Street in Manhattan, Illinois, as the "Army Pvt. Shawn Pahnke Manhattan Post Office". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-249)

H.R. 3538, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 South Chicago Avenue in Saint Anne, Illinois, as the "Marine Capt. Ryan Beaupre Saint Anne Post Office". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-250)

H.R. 3690, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 West Main Street in Batavia, New York, as the "Barber Conable Post Office Building". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-251)

H.R. 3733, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Huston Street in Altamont, Kansas, as the "Myron V. George Post Office". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-252)

H.R. 3740, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 South Main Street in Roxboro, North Carolina, as the "Oscar Scott Woody Post Office Building". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-253)

H.R. 3769, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 137 East Young High Pike in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "Ben Atchley Post Office Building". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-254)

H.R. 3855, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 607 Pershing Drive in Laclede, Missouri, as the "General John J. Pershing Post Office". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-255)

H.R. 3917, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Marconi Boulevard in Copiague, New York, as the "Maxine S. Postal United States Post Office". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-256)

H.R. 3939, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14-24 Abbott Road in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, as the "Mary Ann Collura Post Office Building". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-257)

H.R. 3942, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Commercial Boulevard in Middletown, Rhode Island, as the "Rhode Island Veterans Post Office Building". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-258)

H.R. 4037, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 475 Kell Farm Drive in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Richard G. Wilson Processing and Distribution Facility". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-259)

H.R. 4176, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 West Elwood Avenue in Raeford, North Carolina, as the "Bobby Marshall Gentry Post Office Building". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-260)

H.R. 4299, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 South Jackson Road in Edinburg, Texas, as the "Dr. Miguel A. Nevarez Post Office Building". Signed on June 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-261)

H.R. 4589, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through September 30, 2004. Signed on June 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-262)

H.R. 4635, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Signed on June 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-263)

S. 2238, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made. Signed on June 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-264)

S. 2507, to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management, to reauthorize child nutrition programs. Signed on June 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-265)

H.R. 3378, to assist in the conservation of marine turtles and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries. Signed on July 2, 2004. (Public Law 108-266)

H.R. 3504, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to redesignate the American Indian Education Foundation as the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education. Signed on July 2, 2004. (Public Law 108-267)

H.R. 4322, to provide for the transfer of the Nebraska Avenue Naval Complex in the District of Columbia to facilitate the establishment of the headquarters for the Department of Homeland Security, to provide for the acquisition by the Department of the Navy of suitable replacement facilities. Signed on July 2, 2004. (Public Law 108-268)

S. 1848, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the Bend Pine Nursery Administrative Site in the State of Oregon. Signed on July 2, 2004. (Public Law 108–269)

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 7 through July 10, 2004

### Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. 2062, Class Action Fairness Act.

During the balance of the week Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services:* July 8, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Vernon E. Clark, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations; and Lieutenant General James E. Cartwright, USMC, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* July 8, to hold hearings to examine S. 2411, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to provide financial assistance for the improvement of the health and safety of firefighters, promote the use of life saving technologies, achieve greater equity for departments serving large jurisdictions, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Finance:* July 7, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, and J. Russell George, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Timothy S. Bitsberger, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Paul Jones, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, all of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* July 7, to hold hearings to examine juvenile detention centers, 10 a.m., SD–342.

July 8, Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the federal government's financial statement and accountability of taxpayer dollars at the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* July 7, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael H. Schneider, Sr, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD–226.

July 7, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine U.S. efforts to combat human trafficking and slavery, 2 p.m., SD–226.

July 8, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* July 7, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* July 7, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, to mark up the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2005, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

July 9, full Committee, to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs; and Military Construction, 9:15 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* July 7, hearing on Army and Marine Corps troop rotations for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3 and Operation Enduring Freedom 6 and the mobilization of the Army's Individual Ready Reserve, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 8, hearing on the economic, technology, vocational and skills implications of the Department of Defense trade offsets, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* July 7, hearing entitled "Examining Cash Balance Pension Plans: Separating Myth from Fact," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* July 7, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Voice Over Internet Protocol Services: Will the Technology Disrupt the Industry or Will Regulation Disrupt the Technology?" 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 8, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "United Nations Oil for Food Program," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 8, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Assessing Digestive Diseases Research and Treatment Opportunities," 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* July 7, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, to continue hearings entitled "Part II—Ensuring Accuracy and Accountability in Laboratory Testing: Does the Experience of Maryland General Hospital Expose Cracks in the System?" 3 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

July 7, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "Driving Down the Cost of Filling Up," 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 7, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management and the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, joint oversight hearing entitled "Business Process Modernization at the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

July 7, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "Defining Federal Information Technology Research and Development: Who? Where? What? Why? And How Much?" 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 8, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4380, To designate the facility of the United States